

Agency 048

**Court of Appeals****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2003-05 Expenditure Authority</b>	141.1	25,814		25,814
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	141.6	27,313		27,313
Difference	.5	1,499		1,499
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.4%	5.8%		5.8%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Salary Reclassification		400		400
Additional Staff	2.0	217		217
Division III Security		44		44
Division III Local Hearings		16		16
<b>Subtotal</b>	2.0	677		677
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	143.6	27,990		27,990
Difference	2.5	2,176		2,176
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.8%	8.4%		8.4%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Adjudication and Appeals from Lower Courts	144.1	27,990		27,990
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	144.1	27,990		27,990

**PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS****Salary Reclassification**

Funding is provided to implement the recommendations of the Court of Appeals Personnel Committee's salary survey.

**Additional Staff**

Additional staff resources are provided for the Court of Appeals.

**Division III Security**

Funding is provided to resume courtroom security services, meet rising utility costs, and purchase replacement equipment.

**Division III Local Hearings**

Funding is provided for costs associated with resuming hearings throughout Division III's jurisdiction.

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS****Adjudication and Appeals from Lower Courts**

The primary purpose of the Court of Appeals is to serve as the intermediary appellate court for the state of Washington in the adjudication of laws. Statutes give the Court exclusive appellate jurisdiction in almost all appeals from a lower court decision. Court rules require the Court to accept review of a final judgment entered in any action in Superior Court. The Court operates in three divisions in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane.